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SUBJECT: ERITREANS CAPTURE KERNEN

1. SUDANESE MEDIA, CITING REPORTS FROM ERITREA, ANNOUNCED JULY 6 AND 7 ERITREAN FORCES HAD CAPTURED KEREN. ACCORDING REPORTS, FIFTY ETHIOPIAN GOVT TROOPS WERE KILLED AND FIVE CAPTURED. IN ADDITION, MILITARY EQUIPMENT INCLUDING ARTILLERY PIECES ALSO CAPTURED.

2. COMMENT: FEW DETAILS OTHER THAN THOSE NOTED ABOVE HAVE APPEARED IN LOCAL PRESS. EVER SINCE EPMG COUNTER-OFFENSIVE THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE NEWS IN LOCAL MEDIA RE MILITARY SITUATION IN ERITREA, WHICH SUGGESTS ABSENCE OF ERITREAN VICTORIES. IF REPORTS ACCURATE THAT KEREN HAS FALLEN TO ERITREANS, IT INDICATES ELF AND PLF STILL ABLE TO TAKE OFFENSIVE ACTION DESPITE IMMINENT GOVERNMENT COUNTER-
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OFFENSIVE. HOWEVER, SINCE ERITREAN LOSSES NOT REPORTED, THIS NEWS ITEM BY ITSELF DOES NOT GIVE FULL PICTURE OF MILITARY SITUATION IN ERITREA. END COMMENT.

3. IN ADDITION TO NEWS RE KEREN, MOST SIGNIFICANT ITEM RE ERITREA TO APPEAR RECENTLY IN LOCAL PRESS IS REPORT IN AYAM JULY 6 THAT IMPORTANT MEETING WILL BE HELD IN

JULY BETWEEN ELF AND PLF. APPARENTLY TWO SIDES WILL
DISCUSS QUOTE QUESTION OF UNITY IN FACE OF ETHIOPIAN
THREAT UNQUOTE.
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